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SUBJECT: DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY: NATO; SPAIN

1. DURING APRIL 16 MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, I
ASKED WHAT IMPACT ON DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE
OF RECENT LABOR PARTY CONGRESS.

2. FONMIN RESPONDED THAT AS HE HAD "MADE IT VERY CLEAR
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YESTERDAY" (THE HAGUE 1926) AND WOULD RECONFIRM IN TV
INTERVIEW (WHICH HE DID), HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO
PURSUE THE FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM WHICH GON PRESENTED
WHEN IT ENTERED OFFICE IN 1973 AND AS OUTLINED IN HIS

MARCH 6 SPEECH OF THIS YEAR (THE HAGUE A-55).

3. VAN DER STOEL CONTINUED "THERE WILL BE NO CONDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN NATO" AND "I WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM THAT POSITION". I THANKED FONMIN FOR HIS WELL-REASONED AND FORTHRIGHT POSITION.

4. AT ANOTHER POINT IN CONVERSATION I NOTED US DESIRE TO ANTICIPATE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN SPAIN BY PREPARING PLAN TO HELP SPAIN TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WE ALL WISHED TO SEE; IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OF EVENTUAL SPANISH AFFILIATION WITH NATO HAD BEEN RAISED.

5. VAN DER STOEL RESPONDED THAT HE AND GON WERE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN NATO OR EC. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT WHATEVER MILITARY GAIN MIGHT ACCRUE FROM SUCH ASSOCIATION WOULD BE LOST IN THE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FIELDS.

6. I POINTED OUT THAT WE SHOULD NOT MERELY REACT TO DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN BUT SHOULD PLAN AHEAD, AND SUGGESTED US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS THINKING AND THAT OF PM DEN UYL ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED DURING THEIR MAY 14 VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
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